IF IT'S FOR A WOMAN THAT YOU LOVE, THEN THEY'LL EVEN GO THROUGH FIRE AND WATER!! MISMATCHED GUY-AND-GUY TAG BATTLE 45P ONE-SHOT!!

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AN UNDONE SEAL, A CAPTURED PRINCESS..... AND THE LUSTS OF MEN!?

解かれた封印、囚われの姫、……そして男たちの煩悩!?

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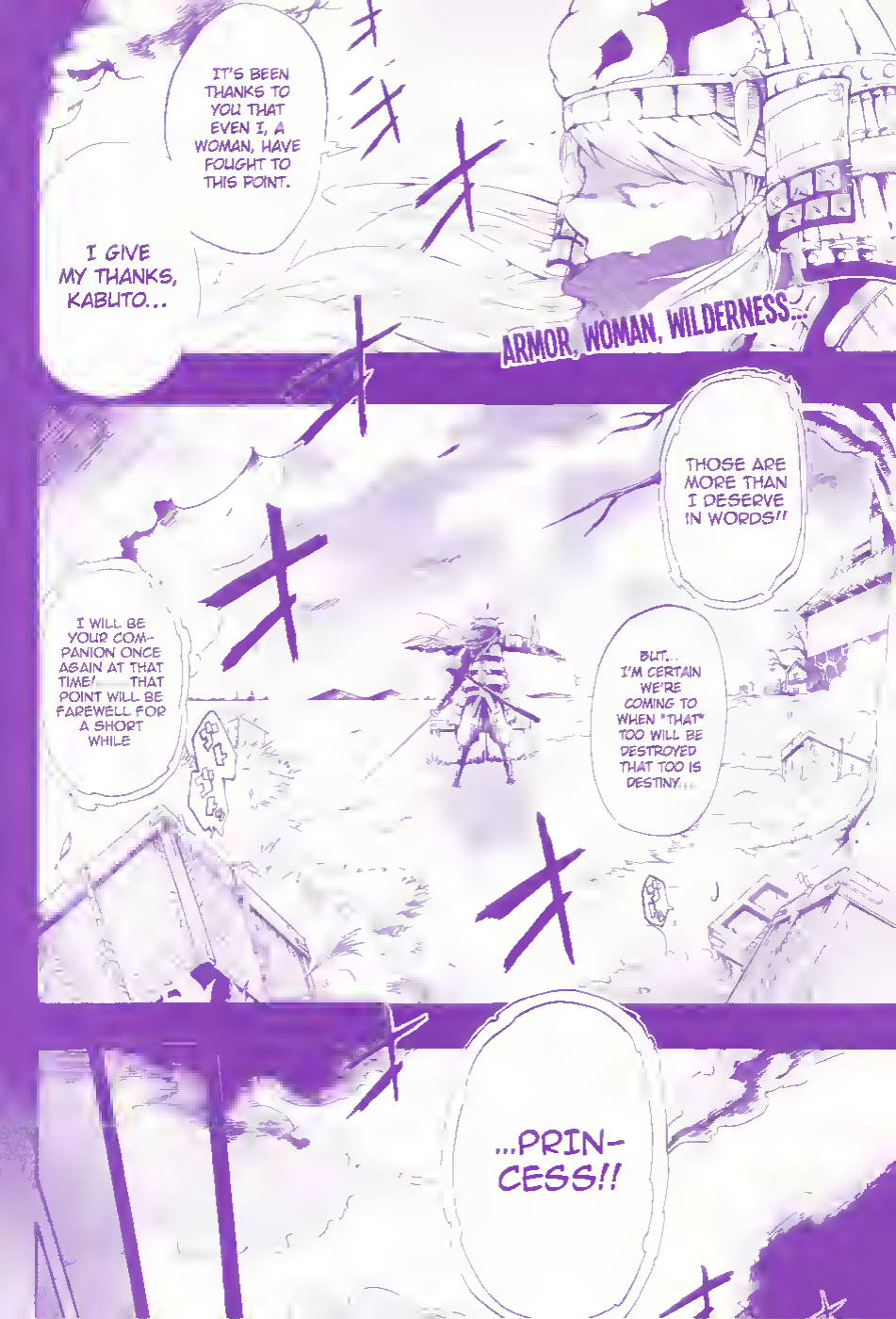
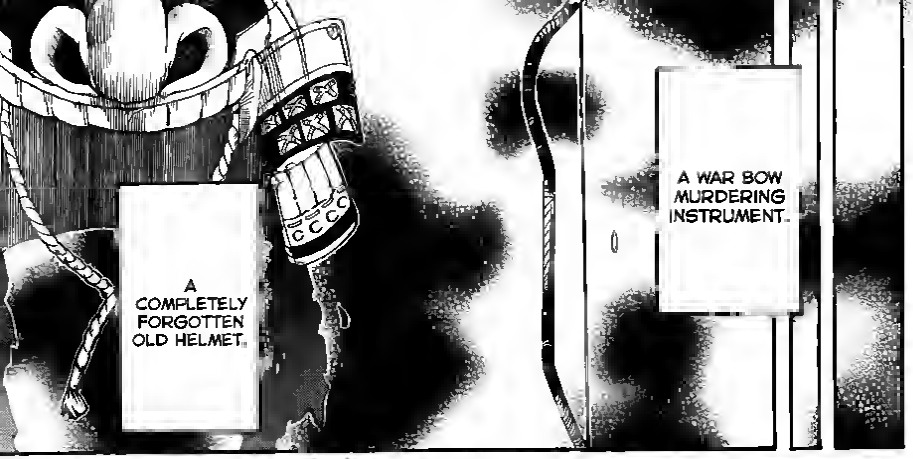
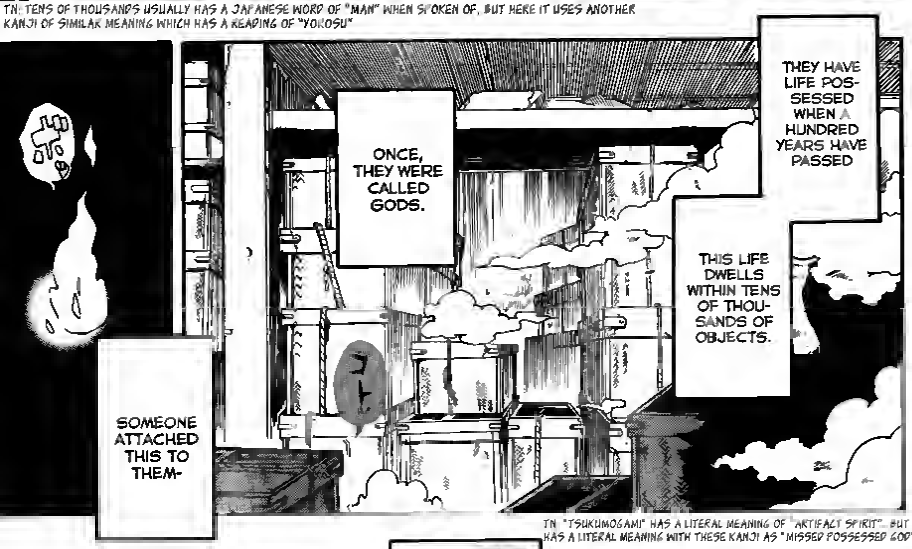
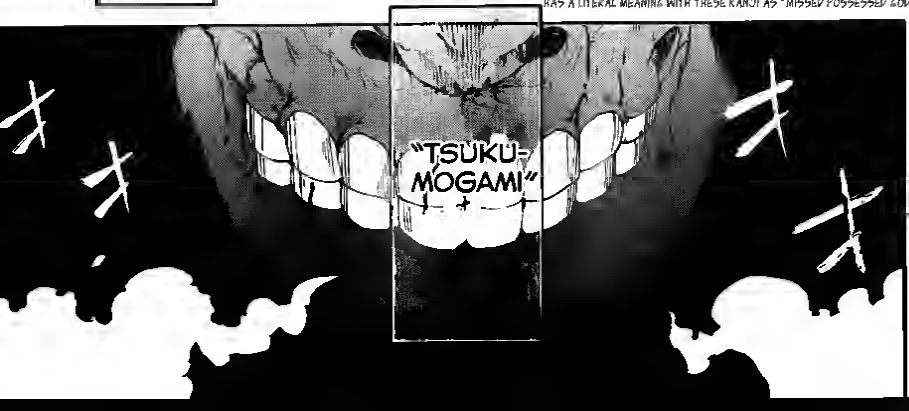

IT'S BEEN THANKS TO YOU THAT EVEN I, A WOMAN, HAVE FOUGHT TO THIS POINT.
I GIVE MY THANKS, KABUTO...
ARMOR, WOMAN, WILDERNESS...
THOSE ARE MORE THAN I DESERVE IN WORDS!!
I WILL BE YOUR COMPANION ONCE AGAIN AT THAT TIME! THAT POINT WILL BE FAREWELL FOR A SHORT WHILE
BUT... I'M CERTAIN WE'RE COMING TO WHEN "THAT" TOO WILL BE DESTROYED THAT TOO IS DESTINY...
...PRINCESS!!



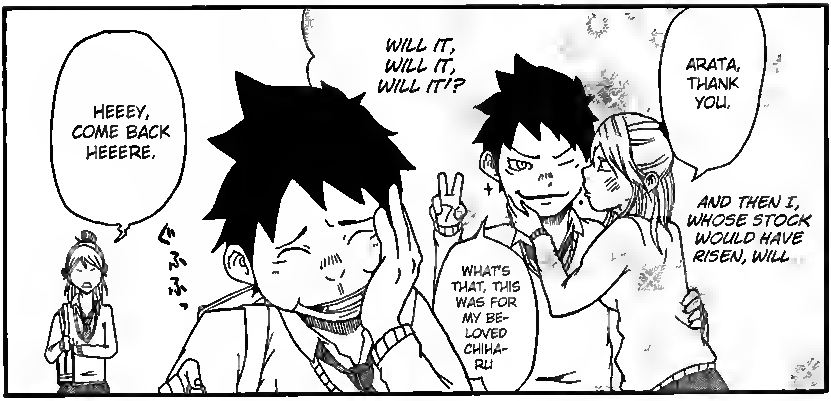

TN: TENS OF THOUSANDS USUALLY HAS A JAPANESE WORD OF "MAN" WHEN SPOKEN OF, BUT HERE IT USES ANOTHER KANJI OF SIMILAR MEANING WHICH HAS A READING OF "YOROSU"


SOMEONE ATTACHED THIS TO THEM-
ONCE, THEY WERE CALLED GODS.
THIS LIFE DWELLS WITHIN TENS OF THOUSANDS OF OBJECTS.
THEY HAVE LIFE POSSESSED WHEN A HUNDRED YEARS HAVE PASSED

TN: "TSUKUMOGAMI" HAS A LITERAL MEANING OF "ARTIFACT SPIRIT", BUT HAS A LITERAL MEANING WITH THESE KANJI AS "MISSED POSSESSED GOD"



THIS IS CHIHARU'S "WARE-HOUSE"?
CHILDHOOD FRIEND: ASOU CHIHARU
ASAKURA ARATA
YEP!!
GRANDPA'S LEFT IT TO ME.
I'M GOING TO BE CLEANING THIS TODAY!? LEAVE THIS TO ME!


HEEEY, COME BACK HEEERE.
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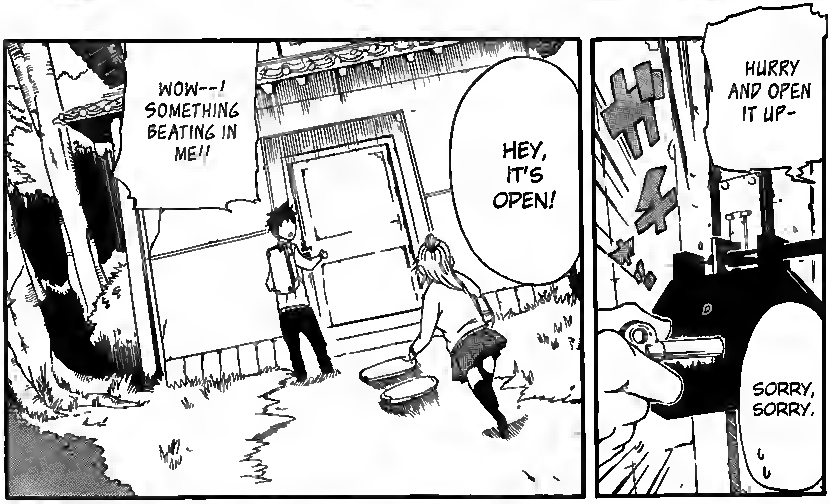
WILL IT, WILL IT, WILL IT!?
WHAT'S THAT, THIS WAS FOR MY BE-LOVED CHIHA-RU
ARATA, THANK YOU.
AND THEN I, WHOSE STOCK WOULD HAVE RISEN, WILL


WOW--! SOMETHING BEATING IN ME!!
HEY, IT'S OPEN!
HURRY AND OPEN IT UP-
SORRY, SORRY.

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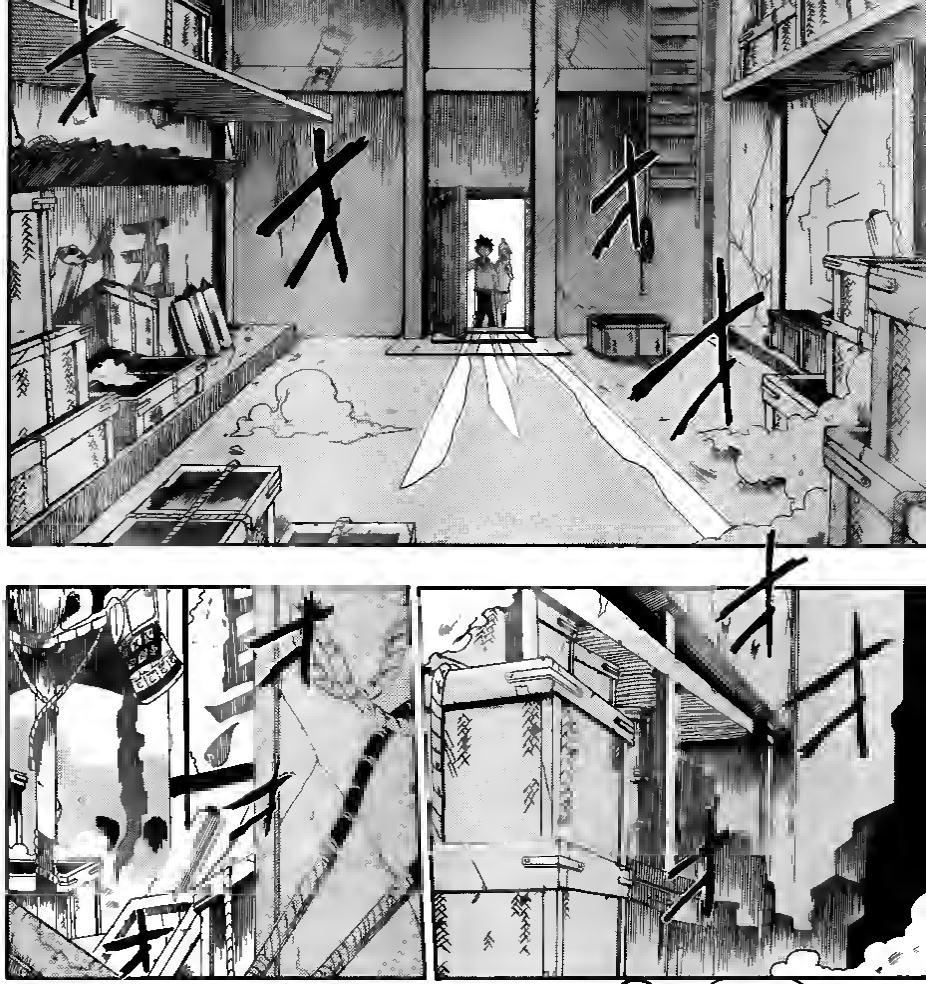
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MY CHANCE!!
HE...
THIS IS SOMETHING INCRED-IBLE...
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UWAA...

WRONG WRONG WRONG WRO--
チュッ
IS IT FINE? SHE'S "GRABBED" ME?
HERE YOU GO...
GREAT.
Muhaa~
TH... THAT'S...
PRINCESS!!
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU,
...THAT APPEARANCE; THAT LIVELINESS... I'M CERTAIN!
Thank you very much somehow!
HEY!! WAIT!!

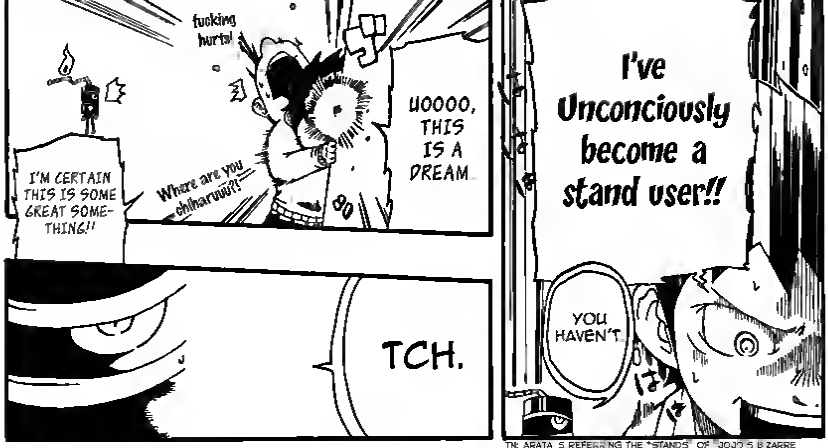
IT SEEMS EVEN YOUR GRANDPA HADN'T OPENED THIS AT ALL
HAS HE?
HMM,
I JUST SAID THAT WE WERE CLEANING FROM THIS WAREHOUSE? THIS IS TERRIBLE.
I THOUGHT SOMEHOW THERE WOULD BE TREASURE HERE BUT
CHILDREN THESE DAYS DON'T EVEN KNOW OF "TSUDZURA" !!
HMM,
TN: "TSUDZURA" ARE WICKER CLOTHES HANGERS
WHAT'S IN THEM?
THEY'RE JUST BOXES.
!!
STU...!!

KYAAAA !?
...EH?
HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN SINCE I'VE BEEN IN THIS PRESENT WORLD...
*(TN "PRESENT WORLD" IS THE BUDDHIST TERM OF "GENSE", THE TRANSIENT WORLD OF THE LIVING)

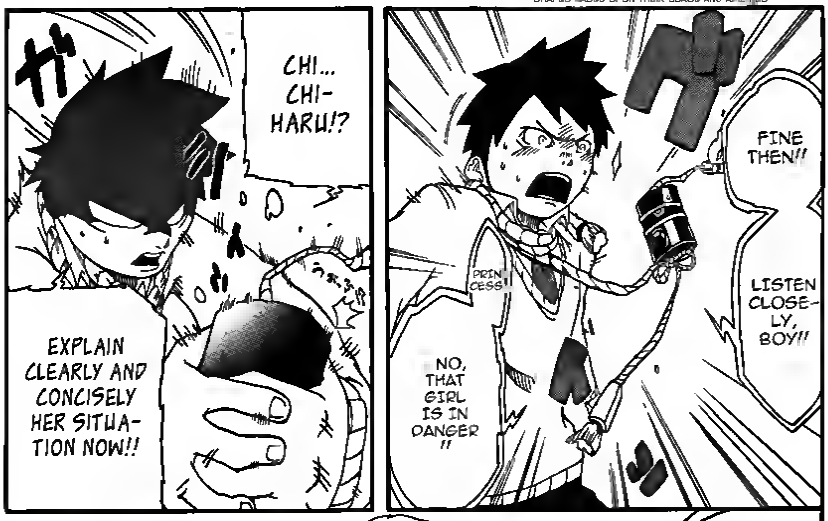
NOW--
OOOH...!! HAVEN'T ALL OF YOU FORGOTTEN YOUR GRUDGES TOWARDS HUMANS!?
AWAKEN, AWAKEN,
AWAK-EN !!
FUHA...!! FUHAHA-HAHAHA
EH!?
EEEEH!? WHAT'S THAT!?
HEY... ARATA,
WHAT ARE THESE, ALIENS?
CHIHA ...!!
KI...
YAAAAAAA!!

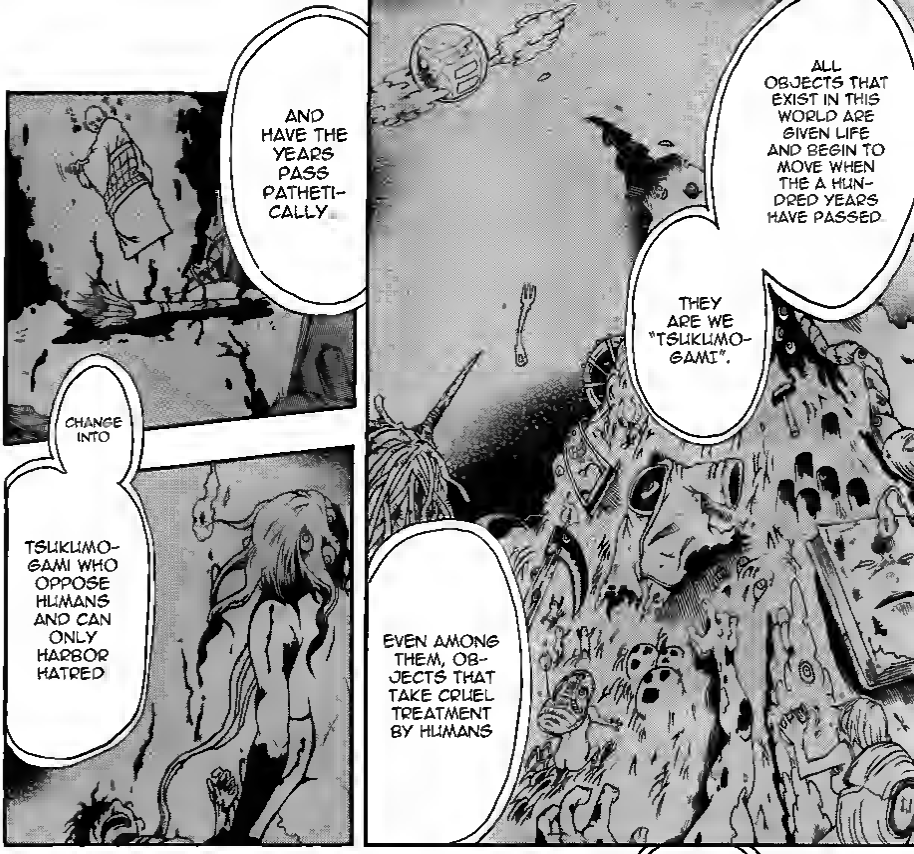
I'VE CAUGHT THE BLOOD OF THAT HATEFUL WOMAN.
FU HAHA-HAHA!
I'VE CAUGHT IT.
UWAAAA
!?
A-
ARATA AA!!
EH?
CHIHA-
ヒッ
!!

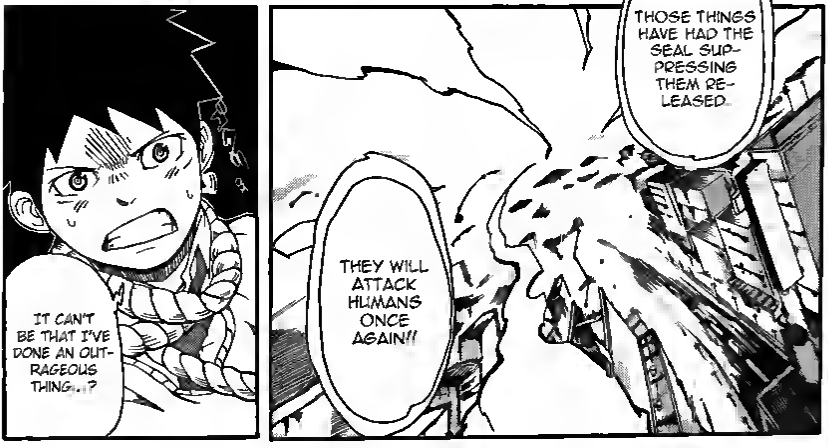
!?
.....
THE WAR HAS ALREADY BEGUN.
SUHO!?
IT DIDN'T FLY OUT CARELESSLY!!
?!
YOU
IDIOT!!
WH...
WHAT!?
TH... THAT THING CAN TALK!?
HMPH, I'M NOT GIVING GRATITUDE...
I'm not a thing I'm an inrou
UWAAAAAA?
Don't come here!!




TN: ARATA'S REFERRING THE "STANDS" OF JOJO'S BIZARRE ADVENTURE BY HIROHIKO ARAKI. WHERE CHARACTERS GAIN BIZARRE PSYCHIC ABILITIES THAT TAKE VARIOUS AND STRANGE SHAPES BASED UPON THEIR USAGE AND ABILITIES.

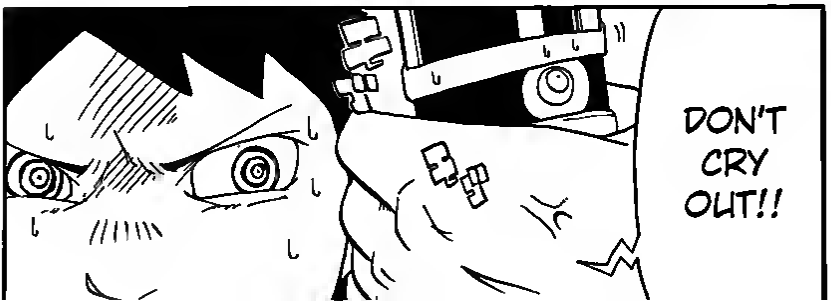



ALL OBJECTS THAT EXIST IN THIS WORLD ARE GIVEN LIFE AND BEGIN TO MOVE WHEN THE A HUNDRED YEARS HAVE PASSED.
THEY ARE WE "TSUKUMOGAMI".
EVEN AMONG THEM, OBJECTS THAT TAKE CRUEL TREATMENT BY HUMANS
CHANGE INTO
TSUKUMOGAMI WHO OPPOSE HUMANS AND CAN ONLY HARBOR HATRED
AND HAVE THE YEARS PASS PATHETICALLY.


THOSE THINGS HAVE HAD THE SEAL SUPPRESSING THEM RELEASED.
THEY WILL ATTACK HUMANS ONCE AGAIN!!
IT CAN'T BE THAT I'VE DONE AN OUTRAGEOUS THING...?

.....PRINCESS....
THAT IS MY DESTINY AGAIN
...NO,
WE'LL COME TO WHEN THAT TOO WILL BE DESTROYED. THAT IS DESTINY.
AT THAT TIME, YOU WILL ONCE AGAIN-
BOY!!
NOW I WILL DO THAT PROMISE OF THEN!!
IT'S THANKS TO YOU THAT I... WELL,
CAN'T YOU LOAN YOUR POWER?
!
YOU WILL BE CALLED KABUTO... KABUTO,
THIS COUNTRY NOW IS STORMY.
!!
I HAVE A REASON AND I WANT TO SAVE THAT GIRL!!
MY NAME IS IOKURA KABUTO!!

OOO OOH
OOH!?
OH!?
MODERN GIRLS ARE OUTRA-GEOUS!!!


DON'T CRY OUT!!

YOU... FINE, IT'S FINE THAT I HAVE THIS TSUKUMO
Toooh
IT'S CHIHARU!! YOU WANT TO SAVE CHIHARU AND YET YOU-
CALM DOWN, STUPID. I'M NOW SEARCHING FOR AN EXACT TRAIL!!
THAT STATE. BOY,
Ku...do you grab like this whenever you have a cell phone or audio player!!
WELL ARE YOU IN LOVE WITH THAT GIRL?
YES!!
TH...
TH...
TH...
THATSSS
THAT WAS A BULLS-EYE
Is he in puberty !?
...CHIHARU
IS A CHILDHOOD FRIEND.
DON'T LOOK AT CHIHARU LIKE THAT!!
ACTUALLY, IT'S BECAUSE SHE'S A NICE GIRL WITH HER FLUFFY-FLUFFY AND HER SQUISHY-SQUISHY
A BABE.

NOTE: HE'S TRYING TO SAY HI
...fwH!
Teacher, Arata-kun spilled his milk.
SINCE THEN,
SHE HAD ME AT FIRST SIGHT.
I'M ASOU CHIHARU~
PLEASE LET'S GET ALONG~
WE ABSOLUTELY MUST WIN THE ATHLETIC FESTIVAL!!
OH... YEAH.
IN MIDDLE SCHOOL
IN GRADE SCHOOL
Arata-chan, thanks!
Wow
CHIHARU I'LL CARRY YOUR BACKPACK!!
HE..HEY, CAN I HAVE IT DURING CLASS!?
ARATA TORNADO EXPLOSION!!
A demon?!! A demon is here!!
Arata! you can do it!!!

. IT'S BECAUSE I LOVE THE SMILING FACE
WHEN CHIHARU IS DELIGHTED
...UNDER-STOOD.
...THAT'S WHY
I ABSO-LUTELY WILL SAVE CHIHARU!!
DON'T PUT ME TOGETHER WITH YOU.
IS THERE A SECRET MOTIVE...?
LET'S ASK 'HIM' THEN.
EH!?
BUT HOW ARE WE GOING TO FIND HER?
FU
TCH
ANY-WAYS!
WE HAVEN'T DISCOV-ERED HER LOCATION YET.

WH...
KILL
KILL
WHAT IS THAT !!?
IT... CAN'T BE..
It.. It's floating!?
IT'S SMALL, BUT THAT IS ONE BODY OF THE TSUKUMOGAMI IN QUESTION
KILL... HUMAN
KILL !!
AAH!!? SERI-OUSLY !!

OH... YEAH
ALRIGHT! BEHIND THE ALLY !!
GU
!?
I'LL THREATEN IT
AND IT WILL TELL IT'S WHERE-ABOUTS!!
...N?
FLAME GO OUT...?
HO, THAT CHOICE IS HARD
OR WILL YOUR FLAME GO OUT AND BECOME DUST?
WILL YOU TELL US THE GIRL'S WHEREABOUT AND BE SEALED IN THE TSUI-ZURA?
SO CHOOSE !!
SO THEN, WHAT WILL IT COME OUT WITH!?
WELL THEN..
!?
HEH, YOU TOO ARE FRANTIC, IOKURA.
IS THAT RIGHT? THAT WOMAN...IS ONE WITH THE BLOOD OF YOUR BELOVED "PRINCESS".
IT'S BECAUSE THE LIFE OF A TSUKUMOGAMI IS A THING THAT DWELLS FROM AFTERWARDS WE DON'T HAVE AN INTERNAL BODY, SO WE SHOW IT ON THE OUTSIDE
UNDER-STOOD. IT'S A WEAK POINT
THIS FLAME IS, SO YOU SAY, THE LIFE LIGHT OF A TSUKU-MOGAMI WE DIE IF IT GOES OUT
Of course I have it too!!

PRINCESS !?
SO THEN, WHAT IS YOUR REASON FOR YOU SAVING CHIHARU...
...LONG AGO.
AND THUS, I PLEDGED THAT I WOULD BE USED FOR THE LIFE OF THE PRINCESS ONCE AGAIN WHEN THE SEAL WAS DESTROYED SOMEDAY
AT A MOMENT WHEN TSUKUMOGAMI BEGAN TO ATTACK HUMANS THE SAME AS NOW,
I LOANED MY POWER TO A PRINCESS OF THE ASOU FAMILY WHO GOVERNED THIS LAND AND WE FOUGHT TOGETHER
THAT GIRL IS A DESCENDANT OF THE PRINCESS!! WHATEVER HAPPENS, I!! MUST SAVE HER!!
TELL US WHERE SHE IS AND DISAPPEAR.
CHOOSE!! TELL US HER LOCATION AND DISAPPEAR?
ONE OPTION !?
YOU'VE LOST.
HEY,
HEY,
WH-WHWH-WHAT!?
WHATEVER THAT IS, ARE YOU FINE IN BEING MY HELPER?
HUH? CHIHARU WILL BE RESCUED BY ME!! YOU'LL GET ALONG WITH ME AS MY HELPER!!

THE SCHOOL...
THE NEARBY SCHOOL.
HMM?
SU!!
ALRIGHT, IT'S DONE I'LL GET THE BALL
WHAT IS THIS?
...A BOW...?

. BOY!!
HMM? WHAT IS IT?
FEELS WEIRD ENTERING AT THIS TIME.
IT KNEW IT WAS MY SCHOOL...
CUTE...!?
CAN I CHALLENGE YOU FOR CALLING HER THAT ?!
How about stretching out just your legs?
IS THIS FINE!? RIGHT NOW WE'RE DOING THIS UNEXPECTED ACTION TO-GETHER,
BUT THAT SUPER-CUTE GIRL WILL BE SAVED BY ME!!
TN: KABUTO NOW CALLS CHIHARU AS "BUR BUR NO ONAGO" WITH "BURBUR" BEING AN ONOMATOPEIA FOR "SUPER CUTE" AKIN TO THE "CHILD-LIKE OLDER WOMEN" KNOWN AS "BURIKKO"
CHIHARU WILL ABSOLUTELY BE SAVED BY ME!!
HAHA, LIKE YOU CAN DO IT!
TCH!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?

THERE ARE LIGHTS ON THE GYM BUT THE REST SEEM LIKE FIRE..
-L
HMM?
-ILL
WHAT'S THAT?
WHAT'S WRONG?
TSU-
KILL! ♪
KILL! ♫
KILL! ♪
TSU-KUMO-GAMI!?
STU...
ITS NOT THE TIME FOR THAT!
HURRY, HURRY, HURRY !!
KILL! ♪
KILL! ♫
SO THEN, CHIHARU IS HERE TOO!?
LOOKS LIKE IT!!

I HAVEN'T TAMED THIS BODY?
FUMM... I'VE FAILED.
WAIT FOR ME, CHIHARU!!
KILL !!
KILL !!
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FUHAHA-HAHA, DON'T GET IMPATIENT.
KILL!!
HOW LONG CAN YOU WAIT FOR THAT MOMENT!!

FIRST WE'LL ENTOMB THE BLOOD OF THIS WOMAN WHO HINDERED US ONCE.
WITH THAT AS OUR BEACON, WE WILL GAIN RETRIBUTION ON HUMANS ONCE AGAIN-
SHIT!
KILL!!
ARATA ...!!
KILL!!
KILL!!
SAVE ME!!
LET'S BEGIN !!
EVEN IF I PUSH, THE DOOR WON'T OPEN!!
It's a trap!
HOWEVER I LOOK AT IT YOU'RE A GUY WHO PULLS ON HIS SIDE!!
ARATA-AAA!!!
CHI-HARU !!?
IT'S OPEN!!

ARATA !!
...EH?
My body is moving on its own!!
WHAT IS THIIS!?
EEEE EEH !?

週刊ジャンプ
THAT TOO IS ONE ME. PART OF UWAA !?
BOY!!
INDEED !!
UO!?
THAT
Eeh!?
HA?!
TH.. THAT VOICE IS... KABUTO !?
I AM
IOKURA KABUTO.
I MUST GUARD THE TSUKUMO-GAMI SEALED BY PRINCESS
THEY HAD THEMSELVES CONFINED AND WERE THE TSUKUMOGAMI OF THE "WAREHOUSE"
AS IS MY NAME, THOSE FIVE-HUNDRED OBJECTS THAT WERE IN THE WAREHOUSE WERE ALL PARTS OF MY BODY
THEY CAN ALWAYS BE SUMMONED FROM WITHIN THE SHADOWS WHICH I HAVE!!
WELL, CHOOSE!!
RIGHT!! THAT'S WHY IT WAS UNAWARINGLY WITH THE TSUDZURA THAT TIME!!

I'M RELUCTANT, TRULY RELUCTANT!! TO LOAN POWER TO A PERSON LIKE YOU!!
BUT IT'S BETTER THAN HAVING THE PRINCESS GET WOUNDED BEFORE MY EYES!!
I PREFER TO SAVE CHIHARU!!
IT'S REGRETTABLE BUT...
ARATA !!
TCH
YOU'VE GOTTEN IN A GOOD MOMENT!!
OUR INTERESTS
ARE THE SAME.
YOU WON'T BE MEDDLING WITH CHIHARU!!
ABSOLUTELY !!
HUMANS...

HMPH...
WELL, FINE.
HYA HA HA HA HA
KILL HIM!!
KILL HIM!!
THE HUMAN!!
I'LL ERASE BOTH PARTIES.
IS THAT FINE!?

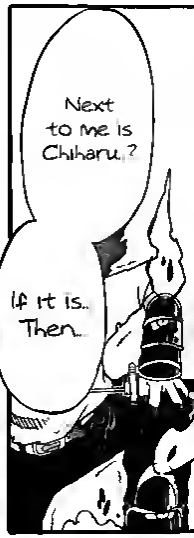
What is that...
IT IS WRITTEN LEFT IN THE ROOT OF THE HEART AND BECOMES A "GRUDGE" ...
BE CARE-FUL!!
REVENGE ON ALL HUMAAANS !!!
N THIS CASE, WE KNOW OF HUMANS
AND IT IS BECAUSE OF THIS ANGUISH!! OUR PUR-POSE IS MERELY ONE...
WE HAVE A GRUDGE WITH HUMANS IN OUR ROOT.
ULTIMATELY WE ARE IN-STRUMENTS THAT ARE JUST FOR SATISFYING THE GREED FOR THINGS OF HUMANS.
WE'VE BATHED IN BLOOD IN PLACES OF WAR, SHARPENED AND BROKEN AND WHEN WE'VE FIN-ISHED BEING USED, WE'RE WEATHER-BEATEN.
OBJECTS ARE FREE OF OBSTACLES AND HAVE NO REASON OF KNOWING THE YEARS AND MONTHS THAT PILE UP OF JUST ANGUISH.

THAT'S WHY YOU'LL DIE
KA-KA... KABUTO!! IT'S COMING!!
!!
UNDER-STOOD !!
HUUUH!? WHAT ARE WE DIVING INTO!?

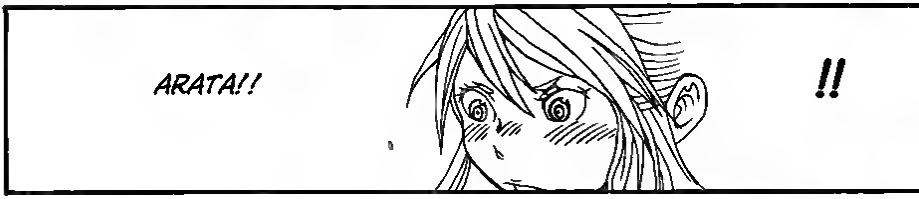
OUR ENEMY IS A BOW TSUKUMOGAMI. IT CAN'T BE USED AT A CLOSE RANGE!!
WE'LL SLIP INTO THE BOSOM, AT THAT MOMENT,
WE'LL SEARCH FOR THE WEAK POINT AND ATTACK!!
HII III !!!
WHILE AN ENEMY, I AM TRULY DISAPPOINTED FOR ITS FUTURE...
BUT!!
WITH THE WARMTH OF MY PRINCESS AND FURTHER MY PRIDE, I WILL PRESENT IT
I THANK YOU.
I FOR SOME REASON WILL BECOME LIKE ALL OF YOU WHO HATE HUMANS!!
!!
IT CAN'T FIRE ARROWS AT THIS DISTANCE!! GET READY!!
!!
THERE!!
IN THE STOMACH!! THERE IS--

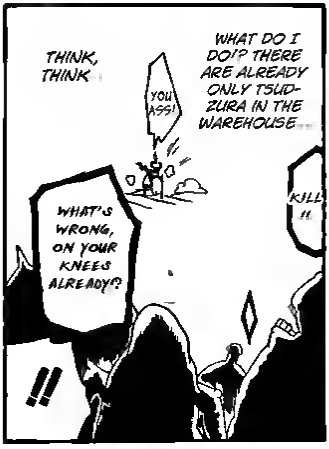
UGH.
FU... EVEN THOUGH I DON'T HAVE A BOW,
IT'S STUPID TO ATTACK DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF ME.
HA HA HA.
KILL
KILL
WELL, NOW IT'S OUR TURN.

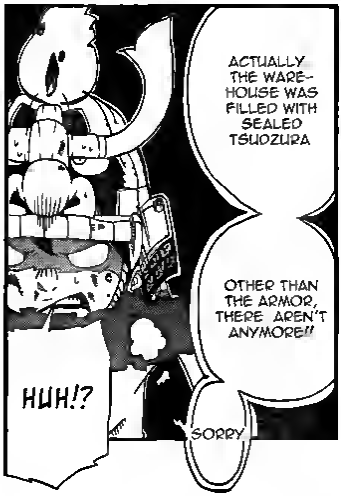
HUMAN !!
YOU SHOULD SUFFER!!
I'LL KILL HIM FOR FUN, BIT-BY-BIT...!!
ARAT AA!!
GUAA ...
FUHAHA-HAHA-HAHA!!
...ARATA ...
WHAT'S WRONG, BOY?
IF YOU'RE DEAD THEN NEXT IS THE WOMAN'S TURN!!
...Gu... what... was that...?




ED NOTE: FOR A LITERAL TRANSLATION, HE SAID "EVEN IF I DIE, I WONT DIE!" UNDERSTAND THE SARCASM



DIE!!
!!
TSUDZURA.. ON YOUR KNEES..!! THAT'S IT!!
KABUTO !!
WHISPER
WHISPER
!!
TSUDZURA FROM THE BENEATH!?
I CAN SUMMON FROM A SHADOW ITEMS WITHIN THE WARE-HOUSE!!
NOW!!

バーカ
IF THE TSUDZURA MAKE EVEN A SHADOW FROM THEIR CONSTRUCTION,
THEN I CAN AVOID YOUR ARROWS AND SUCH.
FUR-THER !!
WHO'S GONNA DIE, ASS-HOLE!
IN THAT CASE, THEN FIRST I'LL DESTROY YOU FROM UNDER-FOOT!!!
HERE IT IS!

EH?
BENEATH !?
THAT HURT...
THE ONE ON HIS KNEES WILL BE YOU!!
HE MOVED... WITHIN THE TSUDZURA?
IT CAN'T BE...

YOU WON'T MAKE CHIHARU
CRY!!!
I'VE BEEN DEFEATED,
I'VE BEEN DEFEATED,
I'LL RETREAT FOR THE MOMENT!! I CERTAINLY WILL KILL THE BLOOD OF ASOU.
EH!? HOLD ON A MOMENT !!
OU'RE GOING AFTER CHIHA-RU?HEY!!
UNDER THIS CIRCUMSTANCE, WE'LL HAVE TO POLISH UP OUR STRATEGY AT ONCE...
HEY-

THE POS-
SESSED
HUMAN
WILL
WAKE UP
IMMEDI-
ATELY
GOOD...
CHIHARU
IS SAFE.
CAN WE
EASILY
DO IT...?
ARATA.
THANK
YOU,
ARE YOU
ALRIGHT
!?
IM FINE!
THOUGH
I REALLY
DIDN'T KNOW
WHAT TO DO
WHILE YOU
WE'RE KID-
NAPPED
HOLD
ON A
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EEEH?
ENOUGH,
STUPID-
HEY-
CHIHARU
COME ON ON
THE OTHER
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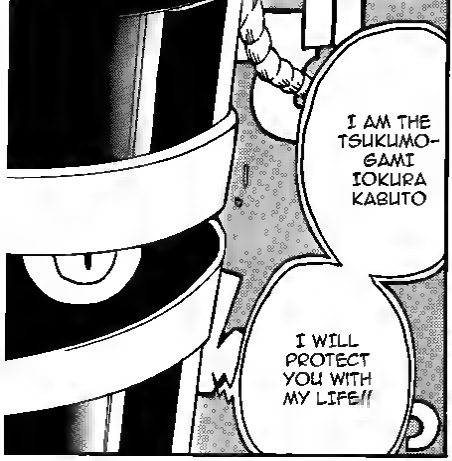
I AM THE TSUKUMO-GAMI IOKURA KABUTO
I WILL PROTECT YOU WITH MY LIFE!!

THE DANGER WON'T GO AWAY YET!!
AS LONG AS THEY ARE RELEASED IN THIS WORLD,
That's not an alien!!
What!? What is this alien!?

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SO YOU CAN COME TO RELY ON ME MORE THAN THAT BOY.
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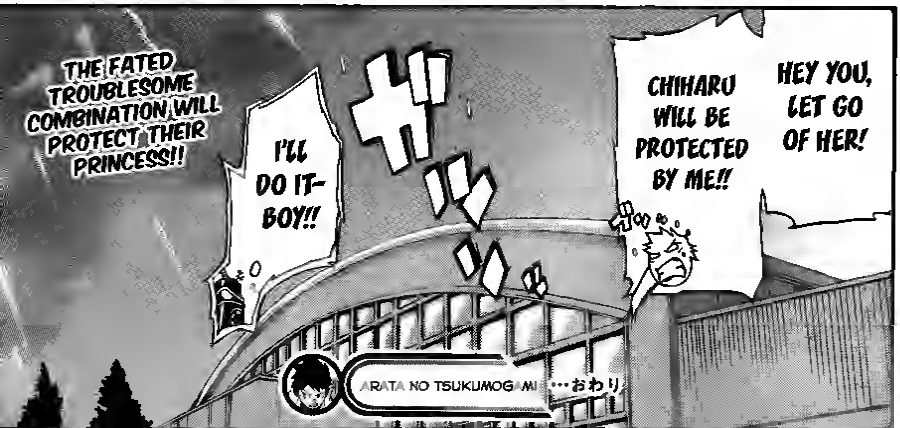
THE FATED TROUBLESOME COMBINATION WILL PROTECT THEIR PRINCESS!!
I'LL DO IT- BOY!!
CHIHARU WILL BE PROTECTED BY ME!!
HEY YOU, LET GO OF HER!
ARATA NO TSUKUMOGAMI …おわり

RAWS: VICISSITUDE
TRANSLATOR: STRANGERATARU
PROOFER:
CLEANER: HAZAMA
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TRANSLATOR NOTE (STRANGERATARU):

YEAH, IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE DONE A ONE-SHOT, PARTICULARLY ONE OF AN UNKNOWN AUTHOR THAT MAY OR MAY NOT GET TO BE A MANGA IN THE FUTURE. HECK, I SORT OF FELT APPREHENSIVE IN DOING THIS BECAUSE THE LAST ONE I DID OF THIS KIND DID ACTUALLY BECOME A MANGA SERIES...WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY BOMBED. BUT I GOT THIS FROM SOMEONE WHO WANTED ME IN PARTICULAR TO TRANSLATE THIS SO I DECIDED TO HAVE A BIT OF FUN AND EXPAND MY HORIZONS AND THE HORIZONS OF MANGA READERS ONCE AGAIN. I DON'T MIND DOING ONE-SHOT TRANSLATIONS, BUT I GUESS SOMETIMES I GET A TAD FEARFUL WITH HOW IT WILL BE APPROACHED BY THE READERS AND BY WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE. (BUT IF YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS AND I HAVE TIME, I'LL DO THEM)

SO...WHAT TO THINK OF THIS ONE SHOT? IN A WAY, IT SORT OF GIVES ME A FEW NOTABLE VIBES OF A "COMPANION SERIES" AKIN TO DIGIMON, GASH OR HYDE & CLOSER...WITH A BIT OF THE "LIVING OBJECTS WITH STRANGE POWERS" AKIN TO MAR (WHICH I AM STARTING TO FINALLY WATCH THE ANIME OF NOW) AND THE "MYSTERIOUS PRINCESS" ASPECT THAT GIVES ME "FLAME OF RECCA" VIBES. SOMEHOW ARATA DOES SEEM RATHER CONVENTIONAL FOR A HERO CHARACTER BUT HE DOES WORK SOMEHOW, MOSTLY DUE TO HIS OBSESSIVE LOYALTY TOWARDS CHIHARU. I LIKE THE IDEA SOMEHOW OF THE HERO AND HEROINE BEING CHILDHOOD FRIENDS...WHICH MAKES THE WHOLE ASPECT OF KABUTO MORE INTERESTING IN BEING A STRANGE PERVERTED SAMURAI-LIKE CHARACTER WHO PROTECTS THE PRINCESS WHILE...UM, YEAH. THE ART SEEMED A TAD SKETCHY BUT DOES SHOW POTENTIAL FOR IMPROVEMENT OVER TIME IF GIVEN THE CHANCE. I DIDN'T HATE IT BUT IT DOES SEEM LIKE SOMETHING THAT CAN BE GREAT WITH DEVELOPMENT. ALL IN ALL, IT WAS A NICE, FUN ONE-SHOT THAT PROBABLY COULD DESERVE TO BE A NEAT SERIES IF DONE RIGHT AND GIVEN THE RIGHT CIRCUMSTANCES...